

Chapter III

E. Progress & Professionalism ⁷⁹⁵ (1961-1968)

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E. Progress to Professionalism (1961-1968)

Professionalism is a term of several possible meanings. It is used here in the sense of skillful application of what has been learned through study and experience in some particular field of endeavor. In this meaning, the term is appropriate to describe the status reached by the physical security function in the Agency over the final period covered by this history.

In the several years prior to 1961 a substantial portion of the effort, and of the manpower, of the Physical Security Division had had to be devoted to matters concerning the New Headquarters Building. And thereafter much additional effort had to be spent upon applying physical security measures to the new headquarters. But meanwhile there was all the other physical security work which had to be done. This included the old routine tasks, the newer tasks that were becoming routine, and the new fields of activity which continually were being entered.

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